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# SUPREME COURT KILLS WHITE PRIMARIES

## The Northwest Enterprise

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### Security Through Organized Labor Must Be Goal Says Hunton

Roanoke, Va.—Only through the door of organized labor can Negro and white workers achieve security, the goal of their common struggle, Dr. Alphaeus Hunton told the local council of the National Negro Congress at a meeting held here recently at the Ebenezer A. M. E. church.

Dr. Hunton was the principal speaker at the meeting, where he presented a charter to the council's president, J. H. Tyree.

### NAACP Congratulates UAW On Ford Election

Detroit, Mich.—Congratulations on the election victory in the Ford plant were received by R. J. Thomas, president of the United Automobile Workers, CIO affiliate today, from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The telegram, signed by Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, stated, the victory offers the UAW "an opportunity to demonstrate that it is one labor union which has risen above racial or other prejudices and that it can prove by demonstration that men can work together irrespective of race."

### Battle For S. R. 75 Takes New Life

New York—The battle for the passage of Senate resolution 75 is taking on new life as ten senators have already replied to the letter sent out May 21 by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People requesting that they actively support the resolution.

Senators Charles L. McNary, Henrik Shipstead, William H. Smathers and Styles Bridges have indicated their approval and active support of the measure. Senators James M. Tunnell, Carl A. Hatch and Alexander Wiley report that they have not had time to study the resolution, but they are in favor of any effort to ban discrimination on account of race.

Copies of a strong resolution passed by the National Public Affairs Committee of the YWCA have been sent out to 900 YWCA branches with urgent requests that all persons interested in the fair and equitable integration of the Negro into the national defense program write to Senator Elbert D. Thomas, chairman of the Senate committee on Labor and Education, emphatically requesting that S. R. 75 be reported favorably to the Senate, and that they write their own Senators giving their reasons for supporting the resolution and asking the solons to work for its passage.

DO IT NOW!

### Scholarship Dance

Monday, June 16 is the date on which the Community Scholarship Dance will hold its fifth annual dance honoring high school and university graduates. This annual classic is held for the purpose of raising money to provide scholarships and other aids to worthy students. The community as a whole is cordially invited and expected to participate.

Faurot's beautiful ballroom has again been selected for the occasion, and the committee in charge of arrangements plan to make this year's event the grandest of all, according to an announcement by the chairman, James Gayton.

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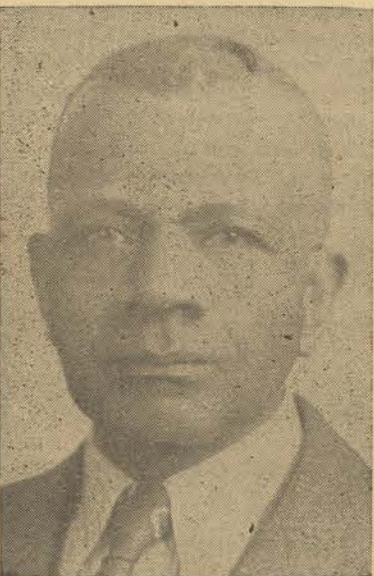
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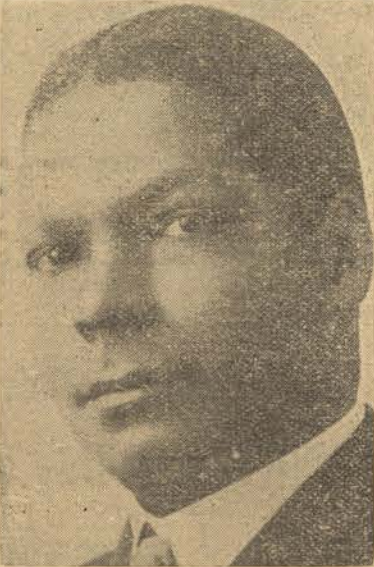
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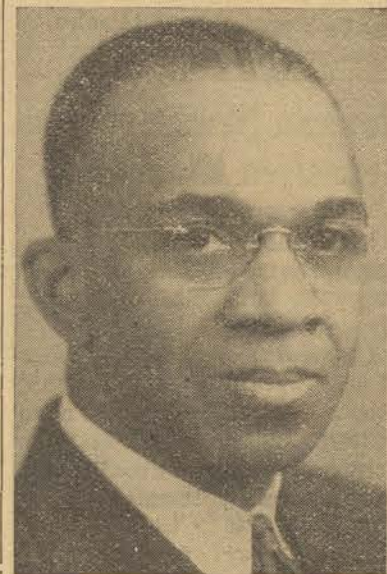
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### To The Public And Advertisers Of The Northwest Enterprise



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Mr. B. E. Squires

### "It Can't Be Done In Seattle?"

By Dr. F. W. Penick

I have heard this statement repeated more than any other one statement since I have called Seattle my home, about eighteen months ago. There seems to be a well-founded sentiment, generally conceded and accepted—that "It can't be done in Seattle! It is said that the people of Seattle are different! That they cannot and will not cooperate in putting over a worthwhile program. To begin with, I wish to disagree with this idea. It is my firm conviction that the people of Seattle represent the average citizen found in any other city typical of the same background. I have also been told time and again that one must be an "old timer" in Seattle before he can make any suggestion that will make for progress. This, I shall not discuss, other than to say, if your suggestion is good and if it has been well-thought out and carefully developed, and earnestly and intelligently presented, it is very likely to merit and receive support. Our great need is, not necessarily "New blood" nor for that matter "Old blood," but our apparent need is more men and women of courage, Civic minded men and women, unselfish men and women, a few good leaders and many good followers. We should encourage originality among our people. All of us should not suddenly be seized with the desire to open a grocery store, a drug store, a tailor shop or even a tavern because we discover another in that business apparently making a fair living. Open up a new field. Try to be original. It is true that when some one of us offers a suggestion or an idea for the good of the race which requires the cooperation of all, fifty of us will offer a substitute and claim it to be much better and more practical.

The future of the race in Seattle will depend very largely if not entirely, upon our ability to think, act and work together for the good of ourselves and the institutions of our Community.

Right now we face a challenge, the meeting of which will test the courage, sincerity and ability of every Negro in the Pacific Northwest regardless of where he lives or what business or profession he may follow. It has often been said "Talk is cheap but it takes money to buy land." One can never appreciate so much the privilege of sight until it has been lost. The Northwest Enterprise is the "Speaking instrument, the Mouth Piece" for the Negroes of Seattle and the Pacific Northwest. The continuation, enlargement and improvement of this paper mean the ultimate security of every race individual—business enterprise, fraternal organization or Institution. We can demonstrate our strength as a race in Seattle and in the Pacific Northwest by building a bigger and better Northwest Enterprise, and through it build up in greater proportions the rest of our institutions, business and otherwise.

Why not inject new life into Seattle and the Pacific Northwest by building a great newspaper, a fearless "Mouth-piece," a strong representative Organization and by giving 100% cooperation in every project sponsored for the good of the race. The first step in this direction, is to send in your subscription to the Northwest Enterprise. We should and must have THREE THOUSAND subscribers. Send in yours today. We will all be Boosters!

### Roll Of Honor Is Your Name Here?

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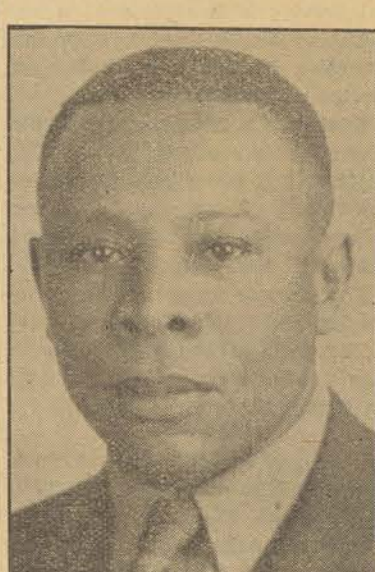
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### Supreme Ct Rules Congress Controls Primary Elections Step By Step From Convention to General Election

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Supreme court ruled today that state primaries and nominating conventions were subject to federal regulation the same as general elections.

There was no disagreement over the constitutional right of congress to legislate against corruption in primaries but the court split four to three on the question whether congress actually had done so in a broad 1870 statute making it a crime to deprive a citizen of his constitutional rights.

The majority opinion, by Justice Stone, held, "Where the state law has made the primary an integral part of the procedure of choice, or where in fact the primary effectively controls the choice, the right of the elector to have his ballot counted at the primary is likewise included in the right protected."

Stone explained that this question had not been passed on specifically in any previous decision of the supreme Court, including litigation involving former Senator Truman H. Newberry of Michigan.

Heretofore the authority of Congress was generally assumed to be restricted to the regulation of general elections.

#### Votes Were Changed

It was asserted by the Justice Department that a primary in many southern states determined the outcome of the election and that the federal government should have power to regulate both "steps."

The litigation grew out of a federal indictment charging five New Orleans election commissioners

with changing votes cast in a primary last September 10 to select a Democratic nominee for the House.

Dismissal of the indictment was directed by the Eastern Louisiana Federal District Court on the ground that Congress had no authority to regulate primaries, but only general elections.

The Justice Department said the five men were charged with violating legislation passed in 1870, which makes criminal any conspiracy to injure a citizen in the exercise "of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States."

#### Punishment Provided

Punishment was provided by the legislation for anyone who, acting "under color of any law," deprives any person of rights protected by the Constitution or laws.

The specific purpose of the 1870 act was to carry out the Fourteenth Amendment giving the Negroes the right to vote. While no question of Negro suffrage was involved in the case decided today, justice department officials expressed belief that the decision indicated the court would "rule that any interference with the rights of Negroes to vote in a primary to determine candidates for federal office violated the federal statute."

They expressed belief the court would hold the 1870 law applicable to any political party regulations which bar Negro voters from primaries or which require tests of party regularity.

### Bell Aircraft Gives In; Will Hire Negro Youth

Buffalo, New York—The vicious circle has come to an end for Eugene Redding, 21 year old New Rochelle, N. Y., lad who was refused a job at the Bell Aircraft company plant here early in April.

A report has just been received by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, that as a result of NAACP action in this case, the state employment service at Buffalo promises to send Redding to Bell Aircraft with its next quota of workers and Bell has agreed to take him.

Redding was recommended by his instructor at vocational training school, Quaddy, Maine, for a job with Bell along with five others. Four of the others had their applications accepted and went to work for the company the first week in April. Redding and another colored youth were the only two of the six who were not given jobs.

Pressure was brought by the N. A. A. C. P. through Ira Dea Reid of the Bureau of Employment Security, Washington, D. C.

### Negro Trainees Requested By Aeronautics Co.

New York—Proof that increased pressure and aroused public sentiment for the inclusion of Negroes in the national defense program is taking effect in the announcement by the United Institute of Aeronautics, Inc., that the company will admit Negroes to its training courses.

Last week Mr. S. A. Buckley, an official of the Institute, requested that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People secure for him as many Negroes as possible who desire this training. Mr. Buckley will take personal charge of the applicants and stated he will be willing to explain the courses to them and give them as much help as they need.

Information about this opportunity has already been distributed from the New York office of NAACP, 69 Fifth Avenue.

Interested men are requested to write or call the office immediately for instructions and literature about the course.

### Who Founded Mother's Day?

Re: Mr. J. A. (Jack) Johnson "A Tribute to Motherhood" issue of May 9th: Many have disputed his statement, "Frank E. Herring of South Bend, Indiana, teacher, orator and humanitarian, was father of Mother's Day." Our investigations disclose that Frank E. Herring was the founder of Mother's Day in 1904, three years prior to the time the honor was given Anna Jarvis, 1907. Mr. Johnson is correct.

### JUST TO REMIND YOU

By E. I. R.

### Unlimited National Emergency

The public was schooled for the announcement. From it there is no appeal.

Even as it was being uttered, 15 million Negroes are engaged in a civil struggle for rights guaranteed by the constitution — life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Nor is it necessary that we should surrender or even call a truce.

15 million Negroes today should close ranks and throw about the president their united physical and moral strength. We know no other country. We have never sulked in our tent nor will. Our answer to the squawkers is: Let the howlers howl, and the growlers growl, and the prowlers prow, and the gee-gaws go it. Behind the night there is plenty of light and the president is all right and every American knows it. He is your president and he is our president. It is your country and it is our country, you ought to be willing to fight for it, because we are willing to die for it.



Rev. John R. Harris



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## Y. W. C. A. News

By Idell C. Vertner

Members of the Interracial Committee of the Federal Council of Churches enjoyed an evening of games and group singing last Monday night when this committee met at the Branch for a social evening. Mrs. Ruth Rohlf, Mrs. Daisy Graves, and Miss Idell Vertner planned an interesting program which follows: song and dance, Miss Vivian Chan; whistle solo, Miss Ethel McAllister, reading "Go Down Death," Miss Constance Pitter; vocal solos, "Out of the Dusk" and "Blue Danube," Miss L. Hashitani; accompanist, Miss Sumiko Hagii; remarks, Mr. Earl Dome; and group singing, Mr. L. Wirt.

Junior and Senior Girl Reserves are looking forward to the two day camping trip to Camp Bainbridge, June 6, 7, and 8. The girls plan to leave Friday, June 6, at 7 p. m. and to return June 8, at 2 p. m. One dollar and fifty cents will cover all expenses for the trip and the Girl Reserves are asked to sign up immediately for the camp.

The Washington School Girl Reserves enjoyed a hiking trip to Madrona Beach, last Wednesday. Installation of officers will take place at the branch, next Wednesday. Mothers and friends of the girls are invited to attend.

The Business and Industrial Girls' Club of the Branch with the club department of the central Association, are closing their club year by presenting a carnival, June 5. Home made candies will be sold by girls from the Branch and tickets for the carnival may be secured by members of the club.

Mrs. Jessie Walker's knitting class continues to hold on Monday evenings at 6:30 to 9:30; Wednesday, 11 to 3:30; Thursdays, 10 to 12. Many interesting patterns and costumes have been made by members of the class.

## Race To Be Considered In WPA Cut, Says FDR

Washington, D. C.—Personally replying to a recent letter from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People pointing out the serious consequences to the Negro people should proposed cuts in WPA funds go through, President Franklin D. Roosevelt wrote:

"I have been assured by the WPA Commissioner that in any reduction in WPA employment there will be a special effort made to guard against any discrimination against Negroes. The Commissioner informs me that he is well aware of the difficulty facing Negroes in securing an adequate proportion of new defense jobs, and that this will be taken into consideration in planning future WPA employment.

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## Churches

Full Gospel Pentecostal Temple,  
16th and Fir. Bishop E. F. Morris,  
Pastor.

The people of the parish are busy making preparation for the picnic at Kennedale in Gospel park on second avenue Memorial Day. Many people are expected for both a spiritual and physical feast.

Bishop and sister Morris will leave for Oakland Calif. to attend the reunion beginning June 2 lasting ten days.

The Grand Annual reunion will convene at 16th and Fir July the 4th and lasts 10 days.

Sister Gray the district supervisor of the women's work, made an official visit to the missionaries on last Tuesday. Visitors from Tacoma were Sister Corbin, president of the Tacoma missionaries and Brother Bryant. The meeting was grand and after a splendid talk by the Supervisor and others luncheon was served.

Regular meetings: Missionaries Tuesdays at the parsonage, second door from the church. Thursdays and Sundays in the Temple 8 u. m.; Sunday school 10 a. m.; morning service 11 a. m. All are welcome to attend these meetings.

A. M. E. Zion Church Annex, 22 and East Madison. Rev. F. M. Blithewood, Pastor.

Sunday School 9:45 a. m.; Ritual Service with sermon 11 a. m.; Christian Youth Center, 3 p. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:45; Prayer service with sermon 8 p. m.

During the illness and possible absence of the pastor, Rev. F. M. Blithewood, when able to travel the Rev. O. S. Shomas Lewis has been appointed to take charge of the pulpit and church.

The officers appeal to the membership and friends for their hearty support of the Rev. Thomas Lewis, who is no stranger among us. Come out and worship with us.

The First A. M. E. Church, 14th between Pike and Pine. The Rev. L. R. Hayes, Pastor.

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m., preaching, 11. The subject at the morning service was "Broadening Christian Horizon; Peter's Vision." It was a comparison of the vision of the founders of our race denominations. The services were conducted by the Alpha Omicron chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. The first chapter of Luke was read by Miss Joyce Cooper. The principal speaker was Senator Mary Farquharson, a subject, "Christian Citizenship." In the Conference Claims Contest, the women permitted the men to win.

Church Of God In Christ

23rd and East Madison

Seattle, Washington

Rev. L. E. Tolliver, Pastor

Order of Service: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; Morning worship, 11 a. m.; Y. P. W. W. 6:30 p. m.; Evangelistic service, 8 p. m. Weekly services, Tuesdays and Fridays, 8 p. m.

Pastor Tolliver preached from the subject "God is no respecter of persons," Acts 10:34, which was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. L. Tolliver, wife of our pastor, who has returned from a trip to the East, is a well to be remembered musician and Gospel singer. Mrs. Bertha Mitchell, National Evangelist, of the Church of God In Christ, spoke Sunday night from the theme "A Spiritual Fashion Plate" Eph. 6:11.

Mother V. Armstrong, president of the Women's Union Band, announces a meeting Wed., June 4 at 2148 Jefferson in Tacoma, Washington. Everyone invited. Do not forget the workers Meeting, July 17 to 27th. Come, a warm hearty welcome awaits you.

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Rev. Judson Swancy, Pastor and Evangelist, Douglas Annex Apt. 24, Seattle, Washington. Residence phone, CA. 9960. Grace Presbyterian Church, Rev. John R. Harris, Pastor.

Sunday School is held at 9:45 a. m.; 11 a. m. Morning Worship; 6 p. m. Young People; 7:30 p. m. Evening Worship.

## Are Seattle Negroes Inferior?

By Dr. F. W. Penick

This and many other questions relative to race progress in Seattle and the Pacific Northwest will be discussed at a Mass Meeting to be held next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at Mount Zion Baptist Church.

The meeting is sponsored by the Membership Campaign Committee of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. A very interesting program of music and literary numbers will be rendered.

At a recent meeting of the Association a startling fact was disclosed. Seattle has six times as many Negroes as has Spokane, but Spokane has twice as many members in the local branch of the N. A. A. C. P. Are we inferior to Spokane Negroes? Are we less interested in matters that concern

our growth and progress? Your presence and your response at the Mass Meeting Sunday afternoon will at least partially answer this important question.

The conditions which we now face in Seattle as a race demand immediate and stern action. The young men and women of Seattle who will be our leaders tomorrow demand that we act now, or hereafter forever be relegated to the background in disgrace and defeat. Your cooperation in this effort of the N. A. A. C. P. to unite and protect the rights of Negroes as American citizens may be evidenced by your presence and response at the Mass Meeting Sunday afternoon. Come prepared to join the Association, or to renew your membership. Let Spokane and all the Northwest know that Seattle Negroes are interested in racial progress and solidarity.

## Join the NAACP if you believe in protecting your rights.

## Prayer &amp; Brotherhood

By Dr. Charles Stelzle

The "Lord's Prayer" is familiar to nearly every man, woman and child in this country. It is used on public occasions when a prayer suitable to all classes and people of religious beliefs, is desired. But there probably isn't one person in a thousand who realizes what he is asking when he presents its petitions.

No man can pray for himself alone. It is a social prayer. There isn't a single "I" or "my" in it.

Notice the way it begins: Our Father, not MY Father.

And here are its principal petitions:

"Give US this day OUR daily bread."

"Forgive US OUR trespasses."

"Lead US not into temptation."

"Deliver US from evil."

If the spirit of this prayer were accepted we would have the solution of most of our social problems wars would cease; unemployment would be largely taken care of; human hatred would disappear.

Suppose, for example, that the man who prayed for daily bread was deeply concerned about his neighbor also getting his daily bread? Nobody would go hungry.

Suppose that the man who asked for forgiveness was anxious that others should also be forgiven? It would eliminate hatred. As a matter of fact, the only comment Jesus made upon the prayer which He taught His disciples was this: "If we forgive not men their trespasses, how can your Heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses?"

The next time you offer this prayer to the Almighty, stop and ask yourself "Am I including my neighbor in this prayer?" If not, you might better quit, because your voice will reach no higher than your own lips.

## Somewhat Expressive

By Harold Holfield

Today is Memorial Day. Today is the day set aside to honor those who were cheated out of their normal spans of lives by war. Those who are honored today fought, shed their blood and died for what they believed to be right.

Heroes they are called, heroes, collectively, not singularly. Each died his own horrible torn death, each ceasing to draw his own breath. Yet, they are smugly called heroes. What did their heroism bring them or anyone else? The soldier in his natty uniform looks much neater marching away to war than he will look being honored collectively under a collective term, war heroes. To defend one's home is good, but to defend one's trade, something which can be restored with one's life which as yet cannot be restored is a different matter.

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Leonard Gayton

The big Jimmy Lunceford dance sponsored by Local 493 at the Senator Ballroom, the night of May 21, was a booming success. And I do mean booming!

The doors opened at 8:30 and at 9:00 the ballroom was half full with excited and eager music lovers. The line formed at the ticket office was three blocks long. Well, it looked like a pilgrimage of some sort or other, the way the people thronged from all streets going to the Senator Ballroom on 7th and Union Street.

Old, young, black, white, crippled people, sick people, came from far and near to hear the famous Lunceford and his orchestra. The band that rates 3rd place with the best in the country, plays music you enjoy listening to as well as to dance by. Lunceford is a master in his own rights and you thrill watching him conducting.

It is something to hear Lunceford's band on the air and on recordings but to see and hear his band and his featured players in action, is more than something, there is no word for it.

For instance on the sax, Ted Buckner; Smoke Young on the Trumpet, and James Crawford on the Drums, also Henry Wells, the singer, who stole the show with "Walking Through Heaven With You." The greatest favorite was Willie Smith the comedian-singer and dancer, who kept the audience entertained.

There were people from all the surrounding towns and cities. Portland, Tacoma, Vancouver, B. C., Kenndale, Renton, Mukeltea, Wash., and many more. They came by bus, train, plane, boat, tram, bicycle and some must have walked or they would have gotten there much sooner. There were very few who came late because everybody wanted to get all they could of Lunceford's sweet and tantalizing music. And we can say that those 2,000 people who were there thoroughly enjoyed themselves and were thoroughly convinced that Lunceford is indeed a credit to the race and really honors Seattle by his playing engagements here.

Our Tribute To By Hek

A tribute to a gentleman and a scholar, your friend and my friend Mr. J. E. Clark, better known as "By Hek." In the past decade Hek has served as correspondent for many Negro publications along with the Northwest Enterprise. We regret that his many activities forced him to withdraw from his reportorial duties.

The Northwest Enterprise joins our many readers in expressing sincere regrets for the loss of such a valuable correspondent. With our readers, we miss a valued and widely experienced writer, a scholar and a lovable gentleman. By Hek, we miss you. Not until Idaho annexes Montana and Boise is its capital, will we forget you. By Hek, Helena and Montana are synonymous. We wish you health and happiness.

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## YAKIMA

By Parker Harris

Services at the A. M. E. church were conducted by the Rev. H. C. Patterson. The sermon, "The Ascending Life" taken from Psalms 121:1, "I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." The congregation was admonished to hitch their wagon to a star and think on things holy and righteous and life will become as you wish it.

The evening service at Mt. Hope Baptist church, the regular monthly union service was also directed by Rev. Patterson speaking from the subject: "The transforming Power of Christ."

The A. M. E. choir will repeat their concert of Negro spirituals at the Presbyterian church, May 28.

Yakima's tapping sweethearts, the Misses Verna Branford, Sadie Webb, Irene Livingston and Jacqueline Spearman tap danced for the Big-Pro Mothers and Daughters banquet at the Y. W. C. A. last Tuesday under direction of Miss Betty Heath.

Messrs. Robert Shepard, Bruce Carter and Ferguson spent Saturday and Sunday fishing for catfish at Moses Lake. They really got the big ones.

The sophomore class of the Yakima Jr. College spent Friday at Boulder Cave. "Lightning" Harris a member of the class had a fine time photographing the activities and indulging in the soft ball game the boys team playing left handed vs. the girls team.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Jones of Wenatchee were guests of Mrs. Sam Dunbar and also visited Mr. Dunbar who is confined in St. Elizabeth hospital.

The Yakima County Colored Women's Republican club had three representatives at the luncheon sponsored by the Washington State Federation of Republican clubs at the Commercial hotel last Monday.

Fanny Mae Barnes and mother Mrs. Eleanor Crabtree have joined the group of Yakima's business woman. They are opening a new restaurant about June 6.

Allen W. Williams, D. D., 1006 Lenox Avenue, is seriously ill in his home. Williams is alone and unattended and would welcome visits from his friends.

Mr. Bim Hofps, coach of Jr. College track team which again won the Northwest championship was presented with a token of appreciation by the members of the team last Wednesday. At a special meeting, "Lightning" Harris made the award.

The Yakima Oilers lost 14-20 their game with Ellensburg last Sunday. The Oilers home run in the first inning did not save them from defeat as Ellensburg rallied in the last inning to win.

Charles Harris was lead-off man in the 880 relay team that took the state high school championship. The time was just one-tenth of a second from the record set by Ellensburg in 1939. In the 440 yd. dash, Charles took fourth place, at the same time setting a new Yakima high school 440 dash. The meet ended 3 year varsity competition for Harris.

The Angelus Mortuary. Here is the largest race establishment in the Northwest. Here race pride should build its Ebenezer and leave it as a rich heritage for the generation yet unborn. In our hour of grief and sorrow where would you go for that consolation to soothe an aching heart? No greater legacy could we leave to posterity. Long live the Angelus.

Honeysuckle Recreation Center the place where all the boys meet is fast growing to be the most popular center in the East end. If you lose track of your friends, you will find them at Honeysuckle's a grand place to spend your leisure hours, all kinds of soft drinks, cigarettes and tobacco, pool and billiards. A hearty welcome to all strangers and visitors in the city.



# Portland To Welcome O.F.C.W.

## Editor Reviews Portland's Living Moulders Of Men

By Mary M. Duncan

In all sincerity, we've dedicated this page to the many colored women, old and young, of Portland who have and are bravely carrying on, holding the torch of achievement. We believe these women were and are endowed with the words of the poet, "Not enjoyment and not sorrow is our destined end or way; but to act, that each tomorrow finds us farther than today." The following are some of those noble women, many of them pioneers:

Mrs. Centhia Jenkins, charter member of the Williams Avenue Branch Y, is a sainted mother of A. M. E. Zion church; Mrs. Mary Fullilove, first secretary of the Puget Sound Annual Conference and of the Oregon Federation of Colored Women; Mrs. Clara Mayberry, a mother in Christ, spends much of her time administering to the sick and afflicted. Sarah Avery, Mrs. Alice Holliday, other sweet Christian mothers; Mrs. E. A. Brown, very active in St. Phillips church and civic affairs; Mrs. Mollie Foster, president of the Pioneer Birthday; also a staunch member to St. Phillips; Mrs. Lenora Henderson, although an invalid, is another charter member of Bethel church who really knows its early history. Mrs. E. K. Stanley, active in religious, fraternal, civic and social life in Portland; Mrs. Katherine Gray, president of Emeritus of the O. F. C. W., charter member and religious chairman of Branch Y and staunch member of A. M. E. Zion; Mrs. Dollie Parries, Grand Lecturer of the United Grand Chapter of O. E. S. of Washington and Jurisdiction.

Mrs. Pattie Summers, Mrs. Blanche Evans, Mrs. J. Morrison and Mrs. Mary Turner have shared religiously and fraternally in holding the torch high. Mrs. L. Gragg has and is rendering invaluable service in the promotion of religious activities, is president of Bethel-Its club. Mrs. Nellie Porter heads the Searchlight club at Mt. Olivet; Mrs. Bonnie Bogle, journalist, grand organizer, O. E. S. of California and Jurisdiction, past president of O. F. C. W. and Rosebud club. Mrs. Nano Deiz, president of Literary Research club; Mrs. Sara Williams is one of Montavilla's active club women; Mrs. Emma Nelson is worthy matron of Mt. Hood chapter O. E. S., her recorder is Mrs. Bessie Johnson who is also secretary of the Rosebud study club. Rarely does one find a family of sisters-in-law with so much in common as Mesdames Jessie, Ruth, Thelma and Melba Flowers, each actively engaged in the racial development of the community. Mrs. Jessie Flowers is president of the Rosebud study club, the other three are members of the Culture club of which Mrs. Lenora Gaskin is president.

Mrs. Ethel Turner works diligently with the community band. Mrs. Elsie, president of Holiday Parent-Teacher Association and assistant director of the Choral group for this association; Mrs. Thelma Unthank, heads St. Phillips Guild; Mrs. Rosa Nichols is Housing chairman of Williams Avenue Y; Mrs. Pearl Stewart, active in political and civic affairs. As "First Ladies" of the churches are: Mesdames B. C. Allen, J. J. Clow, L. O. Stone, J. F. Smith, R. E. Donaldson, C. E. Simms and others ranking as Portland's genial hostesses and club women are Mesdames Ruby Hardin, Ora Reed, Rose Ivey, Robeno Martin, Irene Bragg, Elizabeth Cardin; Mrs. Della Williams is chairman of Negro achievements of O. F. C. W. Mrs. Mayme Stanton of the February Birthday

Club is active in Mt. Hood chapter O. E. S. of which Mrs. Abbie Cantrell is associate matron. Mrs. Letitia Brock, recording secretary of O. F. C. W. and chairman of the scholarship fund; Mrs. Pollyanna Reed, president of the O. F. C. W., is also in charge of the Blessed Martin Catholic Day Nursery.

Numbered among past presidents of the O. F. C. W. are Mrs. Edith Greene, Mrs. Ella Smith, Mrs. Ann Shepard, Mrs. Cecil Berry is an elocutionist. Miss Elizabeth Summers was executive secretary of the Branch Y for 8 years preceding Miss Rosa Marie Spears, the present executive. Heading labor group auxiliaries are: Mrs. Nina Jackson, Rose City Ladies' of Local 465; Mrs. Ruth Reed was its first president, Mrs. Anthony Smith, Auxiliary to Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Mrs. Elsie Reynolds, president of Auxiliary to Red Caps. Portland's loss but Los Angeles' gain is Mrs. Jessie Grayson and Mollie Martinez, whose value in the community is hard to replace. Mrs. Marie Smith, ex-chairman of O. F. C. W. grand chairman of O. E. S. Home Fund secretary of Literary Research club is associated with the city-wide cradle guild. Mrs. Clara Pickett, Past Matrons' council, Mt. Hood chapter O. E. S., a member of Household Ruth, served several terms as president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of Spanish War Vets.

In the business world we have: As beauticians, Mrs. Zepha Baker, Mrs. Inez Duke, Mrs. S. Redman, Mrs. Minnie Turner, Cozy Inn; Mrs. Cora Minor and Mrs. G. W. Kenney, real estate. Mrs. C. L. Ingersoll, Co-Manager of Up-To-Date Cleaners. Mrs. Ruth Jackson and Miss Hattie Wasson are fine models. Mrs. Beatrice Reed is the only race attendant in the Mortician profession. Mrs. Bertha Mullen is an interior decorator while Mesdames L. R. Blackburn, Blanche Holliday, Ella Smith and Edna Matthews boast of their beautiful flower gardens. The Flower Mecca owned and operated by Gwendolyn and Violette Hooker, is a credit to any community. "Let us be up and doing, with a spirit for any fate, still achieving, still pursuing, learn to labor and to wait" seems to be the slogan for a younger group of women. They are: Misses Lena Hillsman and Helen Torrance, University of Oregon grads, active in Y. W. C. A. and religion. Jessie Flowers, Josephine Dancy on the Central Library Staff; Hattie Jordan, studying Social Science; Misses Barbara Hubbard, instructor of Arts and Crafts; Geraldine Williams in the Budget Dept at State Capitol; her sister, Bernice, director of Bethel's Jr. choir. Geneva Turner, only race girl on the welfare board; this group of girls: Lurline Gibbs, Arzena Downing, Maxine Brown, Shirley Iline Reed, Dorothy and Pearl Drew do music either vocally or instrumentally.

Blanche Graves is fine in public speaking; Florence Mills is an accomplished typist; Mary Ellen Duncan is good in the art of drawing and sewing. Delores Caldwell holds the spotlight as a drum majorette; Eunis Mott is an elocutionist while here sister, Ozie Jane is a finished masseuse. Ruth and La Sonja Scott head the Youth department of Mt. Olivet Church. Mesdames Ruby Wright is an artist; Kathryn Bogle, Columnist; Marjorie Williams, culinary artist and Muriel Alberta, athlete.

A curtain call on the stage of action has shut from view several of our noble women. They are Mary A. Dupuy, Elizabeth Black-

## 24th Annual O. F. C. W.

The Oregon Federation of Colored Women will convene in its 24th annual meeting, Wed. through Thursday, June 4 and 5 at the Williams Ave. Branch Y. Heading the combined departments, Art, Better Homes, and Negro achievements will be Mrs. Lenora Gaskin, chairman, assisted by Mrs. Della Williams and Mrs. J. W. Stanley. Theme of the meeting is "Success through Harmony and Tolerance." First day, Wednesday, will be organization. Club reports, presidential address, Wednesday evening program, greetings from outside organizations. Thursday, legislation and club programs. Election of officers. Thursday evening, installation of new officers. Mrs. Pollyanna Reed, president; Mrs. Mary M. Duncan, vice president; Mrs. Letitia Brock, recording secretary; Mrs. Mary Smith, executive chairman.

The Oregon Federation Scholarship Committee is receiving applications for scholarships. High school and college students eligible. For further information call Mrs. L. Brock, Ga. 9776 or write 734 N. E. Shaver.

## Williams Ave. YWCA

The Branch building is getting its final touches of exterior clean up for this season. The gym floor is mirror like in appearance. The office with its ivory walls and wood work, venetian blinds to match, the wicker furniture in Girls' club room on main floor, has a bright spring color to harmonize with the ivory walls of this room. The new upstairs club room is furnished in upholstered bamboo; it takes on a South Sea Isle atmosphere quite a decided change from the more formal and sophisticated.

## Organizations

Sergeant Joseph White Camp Spanish War Vets and Auxiliary held their Memorial services jointly with Scout Young Camp No. 3 and Auxiliary Sunday, May 25 at the Central Christian Church, S. E. Hawthorne. Rev. J. Claude Neeley preached the sermon. A miscellaneous program was effectively carried out, followed by taps and bugle call.

Keep off date, June 19, "Trip Around World" by Mt. Hood Chapter O. E. S. No. 16.

burn, Cora Bunch, Lucy Bell, Lillian Allen, Lucile Cross White, Frank Adams, Kate Lewis Bogan, Anna Payne, Lottie Rutherford, Mother Eliza West. We pause in our realization that death is not a journey into an unknown land. It is a voyage to God's home in the great beyond.

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## Nergo Priest In Demand

Rev. Dom Basil Matthews, O. S. B. of Trinidad, B. W. Indies, the first Negro Priest to speak in Oregon, addressed an enthusiastic and appreciative group Friday evening at Library Hall. Interesting parts of Father Matthews' address, confined mostly

to Trinidad were: that the island was discovered in 1498 by Christopher Columbus, years before he discovered America; that it has a tropical climate, is popularized by the Spanish, French, British East Indies, and Negroes. Its religion is one third Catholic; chief among its produce is coco, coffee, rice, sugar cane, that coco once called gold bean because of market value. Economic problem extremely serious, many strikes and riots. Many natives and low paid workers are ill fed and housed and clothed. Social condition mostly friendly; social status determined by education, not color. Mayor of the city is colored, also his wife; there is however, much intermarriage. Trinidad has an expert school system which sends out some of the nation's finest dentists, teachers, etc., is often visited by notables from all over the world. Recently from the U. S. were ex-Postmaster General Farley and President Roosevelt who enjoys fishing. What did he catch? Oh, his biggest catch might have been the island as a naval base. The speaker's origin of his Priesthood was extremely interesting. Many and varied were forthcoming questions. Father Jerome Schmidt introduced the speaker.



Stanton H. Duke, Portland dance promoter who announces all last minute details are in order to assure the many guests who attend the presentation of Jimmie Lunceford and his band, Monday, June 2nd, at McElroy's Palm Gardens, an evening of comfort and pleasure.

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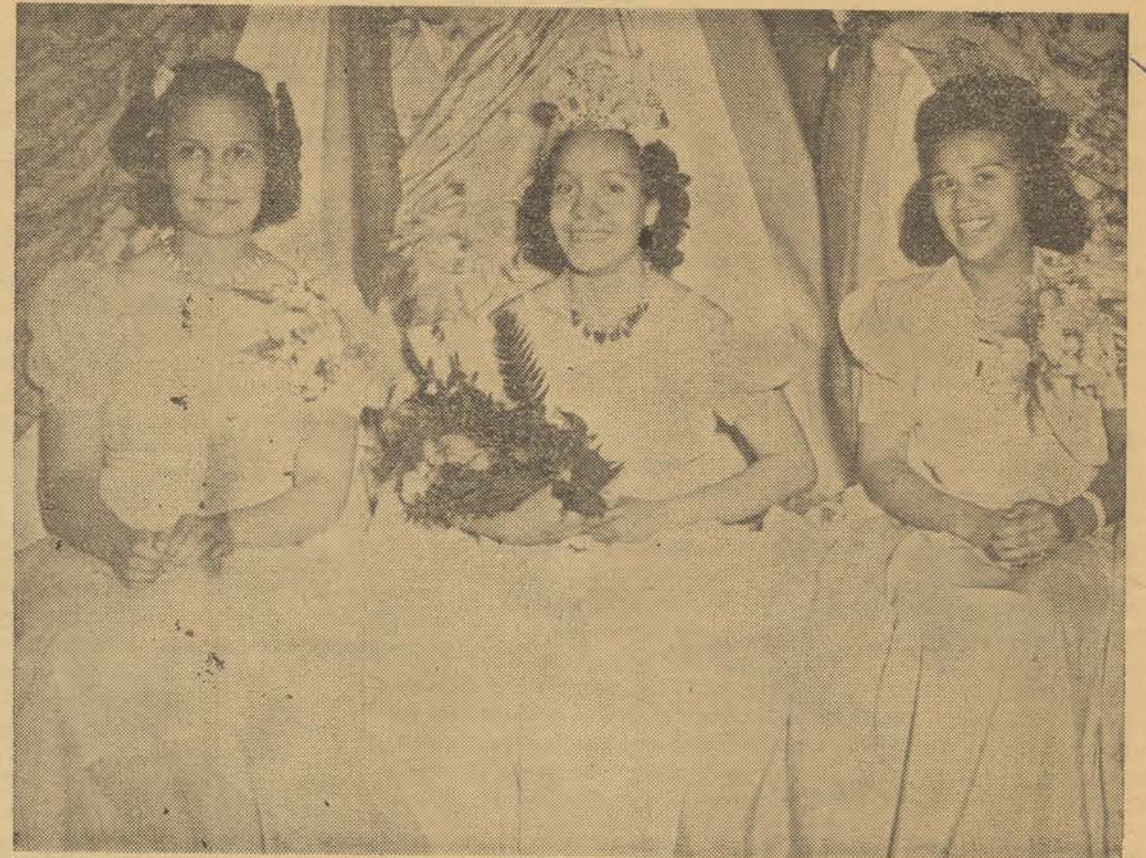
If you are unable to attend this grand affair do not fail to get your copy of "Danceteria" souvenir album and amusement guide to be published annually. This number will carry pictures of beauty contestants, features on Lunceford's band, and many other interesting articles. Copies on sale June 3rd, Seattle, Robinson Drug, 306 12th St. So. and Bishop drug, 507, Jackson St. In Portland, Fraternal Club, or call Tr. 5881.

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## Spokane Crowns A Queen, Chooses Retinue Of Two Princesses And Domesticates An Elephant



Lillian Francis Stokes

Zoe Paula Houston

Franceda Burnett

When the young people of Bethel AME church meet at the annual conference which convenes at Tacoma, Wash. in August and at the District Conference next year they will be welcomed by the first to reign, Queen Zoe Paula Houston, her throne Bethel AME Church, Spokane, Wash., her dominion, the Inland Empire.

The crowning of Queen Zoe Paula Houston was the result of efforts to place a new roof on the church, repair and renovate the

parsonage, without creating new indebtedness, the church at present being mortgage free. The drive to raise the funds was under the immediate direction of Mrs. Wayland Boot, Mrs. Lee Allen and Frank A. Stokes. A beauty contest was arranged and three candidates named for queen. Each member was given a bank donated by the Home Milk Co., in which to save their \$10. The contest closed May 15 with the following result. Franceda Burnett, \$22.65, Lillian Fran-

ces Stokes, \$312.11 and Zoe Paula Houston, \$379.52. Total \$714.50, sufficient to roof the church, repair the parsonage and tame the "White Elephant."

Zoe Paula Houston was crowned queen, Lillian Frances Stokes first princess and Franceda Burnett, second princess by Miss Willa Bell Thomas. Each girl gave a fifteen minute program before the crowning of the queen.

The Rev. L. S. McNeil, formerly of Fresno, Calif., is pastor of Bethel AME church.

## Churches

Mt. Olivet Baptist  
N. E. First and Schuyler  
Rev. J. J. Clow, Minister  
Services: Sunday School, 9:30 a. m.; Morning Worship, 11 a. m.; B. Y. P. U., 7:00 p. m. Evening services 8:00 p. m. "The Iron did Swim" was Rev. Clow's a. m. message subject, Sunday, May 25. The p. m. services were conducted by the S. O. C. club. Miss Muriel Leslie was guest speaker, fine musical selections were interspersed.

Bethel A. M. E.  
N. McMillen & Larabee  
Rev. B. C. Allen, Pastor  
9:30 a. m., Sunday school, W. B. Brown, supt.; 11:00 a. m., morning worship; 6:45 p. m. A. C. E. League, Blanch Graves, president; 8:00 p. m. evening worship. May 25 was "Memorial Sunday." Pastor Allen and Bethel members paused reverently to reflect upon the heroic sacrifices of the "honored dead." Pastor's sermon theme "Universal Brotherhood" was a fitting tribute to the Spanish War Vets, "Word War No. 1 Vets" and present draftees.

Church of God in Christ  
Elder C. E. Simms, Pastor  
Miss Ludia Randall, Church Scriber  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.; morning worship, 11:00 a. m.; week day services, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 p. m. Elder Van Goodlow, pastor of Church of God in Christ and assistant overseer of Colorado preached Tuesday evening.

Shilo Baptist  
N. E. 76th and Everette  
Rev. R. E. Donaldson, Pastor  
Beginning with Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. and throughout the day the spiritual trend was in observance of "Memorial Sunday." Memorial services for Sergeant Joseph White Camp, U. S. Spanish War Vets scheduled for Shilo on May 25, were changed to a joint Memorial with their white comrades elsewhere. On the first Sunday June 1st, Rev. Donaldson will preach at 11:00 a. m.; theme, "God's Search for Power." Lord's Supper and Fellowship.

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Mesdames Luda Randall and M. Friday motored to Salem last Thursday to again visit Miss Mattie Arnold, a patient at the State Hospital. Mrs. Randall accompanied the Witt and Davis children and Marie Lloyd to Longview Sunday when they visited the Freemans. Mrs. Ida Mumford is cheerfully recuperating at her home after undergoing amputation of her injured leg at Portland Sanatorium, sustained in a fall at her home several months ago. Mrs. Mumford's host of friends wish for her a speedy recovery.

Geraldine Williams is reported much improved from a very serious attack. She is in a Salem hospital, has the very best care of nurses and the close attention of her sister, Bernice.

## Jessie Thornton Passes

The passing of Brother Jessie Thornton, May 15, removed from our midst a lovable character. A resident of Portland for the past 30 years, Mr. Thornton has lived a very useful life. He made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Nat Isurn where he passed. Funeral services were held Friday, May 23rd, at A. M. E. Zion Church where he had been a communicant member for many years. Rev. J. F. Smith, pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. B. C. Allen of Bethel. A large attendance of both white and colored citizens paid their respects as banks of floral offerings evidenced their esteem. Interment in Rose City. To mourn his passing are: 2 daughters, Mrs. Nat Isurn, Mrs. Elizabeth Frazier, who came up from San Francisco; two sons, Jessie Jr. and Frank, 17 grand children and 7 great grand children.

## Race Solidarity Rules Spokane, Wn.

Spokane, a city of 120 thousand, has the smallest Negro population of any city of 100 thousand or over in the U. S. having less than 7 Negroes to every 1000 whites.

They have three churches: Methodist, Baptist and Episcopal. These churches work cooperative. These churches work cooperative.

Bethel AME celebrated its 50th anniversary April, 1939. The church was built in 1920 at the cost of \$17,000. Rev. T. F. Jones was pastor. At present the church has no mortgage indebtedness. The parsonage was one of the early houses built in Spokane and in 1920 it was bought from the Railroad Co. and moved on church property at Fifth and Pine Streets.

## Spokane, Wn.

By Sybil Stafford  
Mr. and Mrs. Albert Freeman are parents of a daughter born Thursday, May 15 at a local hospital.

The Les Sonombula Club met at the home of Miss Willabelle Thomas Tuesday afternoon, May 18.

The Harlem Club baseball team defeated the Northwestern Supply Company in a game held Sunday afternoon, May 25, at Franklin park.

A Jitterbug Club was opened recently by Chas. Brown. The club is located in the rear of the Harlem Club Inn on East Spokane.

"And Moses said unto the children of Israel: Remember this day." Ex. 13:2 was the text of a memorial sermon selected by the Rev. L. S. McNeil Sunday morning, May 25. In part he said, All America will unite in observing Memorial day next Friday, but the greatest day that the Christian can remember is the day of release from the bondage of sin and iniquity. That Negro America must not look to any leader but God for guidance and protection.

## Tacoma, Wash.

By Callie B. Mathews  
We Regret  
Tacoma News miscarried. Arrived too late.

We will never betray the memory of those who have died to keep America free. Our children and our children's children shall never forget the sacrifices and devotion that have kept us "one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

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## Mrs. A. Trimble, S. L. Billings Joint Hosts At Elaborate Sunday Dinner

In the spacious home of Mr. S. L. Billings, 521 22nd St., Mrs. Anna Trimble, his sister and co-host honored friends at an elaborate Sunday dinner, May 25 at 3 p. m. The gracious hostess so planned her dinner to include those friends unable to respond at the early hour. Although the plan required two sittings, the belated guests caused no interruption of the service nor missed anything.

From the beautiful bouquet in the center of the table radiated a variety of floral decorations accentuated by tall candles, a perfect setting for a friendly gathering with more of the Easter parade glamour than just a day in spring.

The variety of viands and vintage served immediately removed the possibility of a Quaker atmosphere. If guests lingered too long they were easily lured to other parts of the home for continued service directed by Mr. Billings in person. The Rev. Fountain W. and Mrs. Penick were among the honored guests at the first sitting. Other guests sharing honors were

Mr. and Mrs. E. Edmonds, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Hallum, Mesdames Burnside, R. Gaston, Frances Smith, Rufina Jenkins, Mrs. Sanders, Messrs. G. T. Miller and Calvin Russell.

Honored guests at the second sitting were Mr. C. L. Dellums, Zone Supervisor of the B. S. C. P. of Oakland, Calif. special guest of Mr. S. L. Billings, Mr. Ed Stone of Tacoma, Wash., who frequently travels 30 miles to say a kindly word to Mrs. Anna Trimble and who turned out to be her own special guest, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jones, who usurped the honors of host and hostess directing the service, and Mr. E. I. Robinson, secretary to Mr. C. L. Dellums, a looker on.

Many of the party left showering the joint hosts with compliments for being so patronizing. Others evidently remained for supper knowing the hospitality of the joint hosts. The hosts surely deserve every compliment.

## SO HELP ME

by Joe Staton

Al Smith and Von Tipton were fending with their cameras. Marg, you ain't a' gonna' get no free radio.

I-Lee Wms. all wrapped in pink, you know what I mean?

The colored patrons of the Luncford dance certainly were well dressed and well mannered. All had a swell time too.

Congratulations to Gerald Wells and members of his local. Encore.

A handsome man is just as likely to be kidnapped as a beautiful woman, so help me. More than one person has been lost in the spacious Billings home, 521, 22nd Ave. So Mr. E. suffering from an injured pedal was found locked in a room frequented by registered (guest) nurses. Although plenty of aid was high, E. did not scream and during his confinement, slept with one eye open. Mrs. E. missed Mr. E. She trailed the nurses and voluntarily established herself as guard. Mr. E. quickly recovered and under the guidance of Mrs. E. responded to the many "cat calls." Mr. E. Stone drives 30 miles to say hello to Sis. Brother, you need complete remodeling before Sis says "Come in."

Many Negroes are wondering if the President's speech meant we Negroes would be able to work and earn a decent living without being held back by unions and such. Whose is winning, Henry or Vern. Mr. W. D.

Josephine received a 5 ft. 10 in. letter from Spokane. She sent it back, though.

Otis Reese is up to his old tricks of forgetting some of his golf strokes.

Doris Booker, the lovely singer, has two admirers. Each tries to out the other. One sent a corsage, the other sent a bigger one. Finally one sent a pretty keep sake ring. Gonna keep it, Doris?

Doug B. how much did you get from the Emp. Loan Co. on your bang irons? \$3.00?

So I-Lee W. is the madame queen of the "B"-10. Well fellower I mean lady members, your president has been doing some 5th column work, she's been traveling around with civilians, some a bit too fair, too.

Excuse Me  
Joe

## Matinee Matrons Elect Officers

The Matinee Matrons held their annual Spring Luncheon Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Everett Smith, 2108 E. Pine. Places were laid for 10.

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Election of officers was also held with Mrs. Cecil Kirk the new president and Mrs. Bernard Squires secretary-treasurer.

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By D. M. J.

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